(a) whether there is any proposal for opening of post office at village Begana under Korai Police Station in the district of Jaipur in Orissa; and

(b) whether Government would consider the proposal of opening a village post office at Begana taking Mrutunjoypur, Dhanapur and Uchinda as its operation area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) There is no proposal for opening of Post Office at village Begana under Korai Police Station in the district of Jaipur in Orissa for the present.

(b) Post Offices are opened subject to justification as per prescribed norms. The opening of new post offices depends upon availability of resources such as funds and sanctioning of posts by Ministry of Finance.

Excavation in Solapur, Maharashtra

5376. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a puranic temple called Harihareshwar exists in village Kudal Sangam, Solapur (Maharashtra);

(b) whether any further excavations have been conducted/are proposed to be made in the area;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) A Harihareshwar temple exists in Village Kudal Sangam in Solapur (Maharashtra). The temple is not protected by the Archaeological Survey of India and no excavation is proposed at this site.

Construction of Mega Museum

5377. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to build mega museums to commemorate 50 years of the Republic;

(b) if so, the locations thereof; and

(c) the details of the project and the financial implications?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c)

Theme of the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Indian Republic is showcausing our cultural heritage and progress. Towards this end Government proposes to build permanent assets such as "Bharat Darshan" Science/Culture Parks. The tentative location of the parks are Bangalore and New Delhi. The details of the project are in the process of elaboration.

Important Historical Monuments of Dimasa Kachari Kingdom

5378. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the important historical monuments of Dimasa Kachari Kingdom situated at Dimapur in Nagaland, Maibang in North Cachar Hills and Khaspur in Cachar District of Assam;

(b) if so, whether Government have been maintaining the aforesaid monuments;

(c) whether Government have been allocating any funds for the purpose;

(d) if so, the details of funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years; and

(e) the actual amount released by Government for the same during this period?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The fort at Dimapur in Nagaland, the rock cut temple at Maibong in North Cachar Hills and the historical monuments at Khaspur in Assam, declared to be monuments of national importance are being maintained by Archaeological Survey of India.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Funds allocated during the last three years is as under:

(i) Dimapur Fort Rs. 14,35,000/-

(ii) Maibong Rs. 30,000/-

(iii) Cachari Khaspur Rs. 11,05,000/-

(e) The expenditure incurred by the Government during last three years is as under:

(i) Dimapur Fort Rs. 9,48,966/-

(ii) Maibong Rs. Nil

(iii) Cachari Ruins Khaspur Rs. 5,14,031/-